IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) An image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject, comprising:

image pickup means for picking up the image;

control means for permitting image data, corresponding to the image picked up by the image pickup means, to be recorded in a given record medium or a given external record device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device;

connection means for connection to the external record device;

the control ~~connection detecting~~ means for detecting <u>charging of a rechargeable power supply of the image pickup device by</u> ~~a connection to~~ the external record device through the connection means; and

transfer processing means controlled by the control means for ~~automatically~~ transferring the image data, recorded in the record medium, to the external record device <u>automatically</u> in response to detection by the <u>control</u> ~~connection detection~~ means of the <u>charging by</u> ~~connection to~~ the external record device.

2.   (original) The image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the control means allows the image data, corresponding to the image picked up by the image pickup device, to be recorded in the external record device during a period in which the connection means connects the image pickup device to the external record device.

3.   (original) The image pickup device according to claim 1, further comprising:

judgment means for making judgment depending on a size of the image data and an available memory of the record medium whether or not the record medium is able to store the image data;

wherein the control means allows the image data to be saved in the record medium or to be transferred to the

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external record device through the transfer processing means depending on a judgment result of the judgment means.

4.   (original) The image pickup device according to claim 3, wherein the control means allows the image data to be recorded in the record medium regardless of whether or not the image pickup device is connected to the external record device by the connection means when the judgment means makes judgment that the record device is able to record the image data.

5.   (original) The image pickup device according to claim 4, wherein the control means is operative such that under a situation where the image pickup device is connected to the external record device through the connection means when the image data is recorded in the record medium under a given file name, other image data related to the image data is recorded in the external record device under another file name for consolidation to the image data recorded under the given file name.

6.   (currently amended) An external record device comprising:
connection means connectable to an image pickup device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device;
connection detecting means for detecting that the image pickup device is connected by the connection means;
readout control means for controlling transfer of reading out image data, picked up by the image pickup device, through the connection means when the connection detecting means detects that the image pickup device is connected by the connection means and based on a status of an image data recording capability of a recording medium of the image pickup device;
saving means for saving the image data transferred read out by the control readout means, wherein the saving means comprises a hard disk device; and

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speed control means for decreasing a rotational speed of a platter forming the hard disk device when the image data transferred ~~read out~~ is saved on the hard disk device and under a condition in which a voice is recorded at the image pickup device when the image pickup device is commanded for image pickup and the connection detecting means detects that the image pickup device is connected to the external record device.

7.   (canceled)

8.   (currently amended) An image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and an external record device for saving the image picked up by the image pickup device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device,
        the image pickup device comprising:
        image pickup means for picking up the image;
        control means for allowing image data, corresponding to the image picked up by the image pickup means, to be recorded in a given record medium or the external record device;
        first connection means connectable to the external record device;
        the control ~~first connection detecting~~ means for detecting charging of a rechargeable power supply of the image pickup device by ~~that the image pickup device is connected to~~ the external record device through the first connection means; and
        transfer processing means controlled by the control means for ~~automatically~~ transferring the image data, recorded in the record medium, to the external record device automatically in response to detection by the control ~~first~~ ~~connection detection~~ means of the charging ~~connection by~~ of the external record device through ~~to~~ the first connection means; and
        the external record device comprising:

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second connection means connectable to an image pickup device;

~~second~~ connection detecting means for detecting that the image pickup device is connected to the external record device by the second connection means; and

saving means for saving the image data, automatically transferred by the transfer processing means, and the image data picked up by the image pickup means when the ~~second~~ connection detecting means detects that the image pickup device is connected by the second connection means.

9. (currently amended) A control method for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and an external record device operative to be connected to the image pickup device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device, the control method comprising:

step of detecting <u>charging of a rechargeable power supply of the image pickup device by</u> ~~whether or not the image pickup device is connected to~~ the external record device;

step of ~~automatically~~ transferring first image data, corresponding to a first image, from a given record medium of the image pickup device to the external record device <u>automatically</u> in response to detection of the <u>charging</u> ~~connection of the image pickup device by~~ <u>by</u> ~~to~~ the external record device;

step of recording second image data in the external record device if the image pickup device is connected to the external record device when an image pickup is commanded to pick up a second image corresponding to the second image data; and

step of recording the second image data in the record medium of the image pickup device if the image pickup device is not connected to the external record device when the image pickup is commanded to pick up the second image.

10.   (currently amended)   A control method for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and an external record device operative to be connected to the image pickup device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device, the control method comprising:

step of detecting ~~charging of a rechargeable power supply of the image pickup device~~ by ~~the image pickup device whether or not the image pickup device is connected to~~ the external record device;

step of ~~automatically~~ transferring image data, corresponding to the image, from a given record medium of the image pickup device to the external record device ~~automatically~~ in response to detection by the image pickup device of the ~~charging by~~ ~~connection of the image pickup device to~~ the external record device;

step of detecting an overflow ~~probability~~ in the record medium of the image pickup device after an image is picked up by the image pickup device based on an image pickup command;

step of recording the image data in the external record device if the image pickup device is connected to the external record device and the overflow ~~probability~~ is detected for the record medium after the image is picked up by the image pickup device based on the image pickup command; and

step of recording the image data in the record medium of the image pickup device if no overflow ~~probability~~ is detected in the record medium, even with the image pickup device being connected to the external record device, after the image is picked up by the image pickup device based on the image pickup command.

11.   (original)   A control method for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and a hard disk device operative to be connected to the image pickup device, the control method comprising:

step of detecting whether or not the image pickup
device is connected to the hard disk device;

step of detecting that the image pickup device
has a voice input; and

step of recording the image data upon decreasing
a platter rotational speed of the hard disk device if the image
pickup device is connected to the hard disk device and the image
pickup device has the voice input when the image pickup is
commanded.

12.   (currently amended) A program on a computer
readable medium and including a method executable in a computer
for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for
picking up an image of a given subject and an external record
device operative to be connected to the image pickup device,
wherein the external record device is external to the image
pickup device, the method comprising:

step of detecting charging of a rechargeable
power supply of whether or not the image pickup device by is
connected to the external record device;

step of automatically transferring first image
data, corresponding to a first image, from a given record medium
of the image pickup device to the external record device
automatically in response to detection of the charging
connection of the image pickup device by to the external record
device;

step of recording second image data in the
external record device if the image pickup device is connected
to the external record device when an image pickup is commanded
to pick up a second image corresponding to the second image
data; and

step of recording the second image data in the
record medium of the image pickup device if the image pickup
device is not connected to the external record device when the
image pickup is commanded to pick up the second image.

13. (currently amended) A program on a computer readable medium and including a method executable in a computer for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and an external record device operative to be connected to the image pickup device, wherein the external record device is external to the image pickup device, the method comprising:

step of detecting by the image pickup device <u>of charging of a rechargeable power supply of the image pickup device by</u> ~~whether or not the image pickup device is connected to~~ the external record device;

step of ~~automatically~~ transferring image data, corresponding to the image, from a given record medium of the image pickup device to the external record device <u>automatically</u> in response to detection by the image pickup device of the ~~connection~~ <u>charging by</u> ~~of the image pickup device to~~ the external record device;

step of detecting an overflow <u>probability</u> in the record medium of the image pickup device after an image is picked up by the image pickup device based on an image pickup command;

step of recording the image data in the external record device if the image pickup device is connected to the external record device and the overflow <u>probability</u> is detected for ~~in~~ <u>the</u> record medium after the image is picked up by the image pickup device based on the image pickup command; and

step of recording the image data in the record medium of the image pickup device if no overflow <u>probability</u> is detected for the record medium, even with the image pickup device being connected to the external record device, after the image is picked up by the image pickup device based on the image pickup command.

14. (previously presented) A program on a computer readable medium and including a control method executable in a computer for an image pickup system having an image pickup device for picking up an image of a given subject and a hard

disk device operative to be connected to the image pickup device, the control method comprising:

   step of detecting whether or not the image pickup device is connected to the hard disk device;

   step of detecting that the image pickup device has a voice input; and

   step of recording the image data upon decreasing a platter rotational speed of the hard disk device if the image pickup device is connected to the hard disk device and the image pickup device has the voice input when the image pickup is commanded.